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Mr. J. A. DAVIS:—"Sir, the answer states 'the Government propose to apply to the Government of India for sanction to the debit of the expenditure to the Road Development Account.' May I know why the Government have delayed so much knowing full well that the bridge was in a dangerous condition? Will orders be issued closing the bridge to traffic temporarily?"

The Hon. the Raja of BOBBILI:—"The answer was given some time back. We have already applied to the Government of India for sanction to the debit of the expenditure to the Road Development Account."

Proposals, if any, for the revision of the scale of pay of teachers employed in secondary schools under local boards and municipalities.

*285 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are any proposals to revise the scales of pay of the headmasters, teachers, and pandits employed in the secondary schools under the local boards and municipal councils in view of the great dissatisfaction of such employees in the introduction of the new scales of pay to them; and

(b) if so, what they are and at what stage they are?

A.—A copy of G.O. No. 3395, L. & M., dated 20th August 1935, is placed on the table.[a]

Refusal of sanction for opening the V Form in the Board High School, Edappady, Salem district.

*286 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have refused sanction for the opening of V Form in the Board High School at Edappady under the Salem District Board;

(b) if so, what the reasons are therefor and whether a copy of the order passed in the matter will be placed on the table;

(c) whether the proposal was supported by the Secondary Education Board, the District Educational Officer, Salem, and the Director of Public Instruction;

(d) whether the copies of the resolution of the District Board, and that of the Secondary Education Board, Salem, as well as those of the remarks of the District Educational Officer, Salem, and the Director of Public Instruction, the letters of the President, Salem District Board, and representations, if any, received in this behalf, will be placed on the table;

(e) what the additional expenditure anticipated for this new Form is;

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(*f*) what the cases are of new expenditure, which the President, Salem District Board, has so far brought before the Government for their sanction since 1st January 1935, and what the amount involved in each is; and

(*g*) in which of the cases the Government have refused their sanction, and for what reasons?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) G.O. No. 2592, L. & M., dated 4th July 1935, is placed on the table.[a]

(*c*) The proposal was recommended by the Director of Public Instruction subject to certain conditions. The Government have no information whether the proposal was recommended by the District Secondary Education Board and the District Educational Officer.

(*d*) The Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by placing those communications on the table.

(*e*) Details of non-recurring expenditure were not furnished by the President, District Board. The recurring expenditure was estimated by the Board at Rs. 780.

(*f*) & (*g*) Opening of Form V in the Board High School, Attur, is one at a cost of Rs. 1,020, recurring. No details were furnished regarding non-recurring expenditure. Sanction was refused on educational grounds. The Government do not propose to collect information regarding the other cases.

Representations for the abolition of tax on cycles in municipal areas.

* 287 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received from Madras City or from any other municipality or from private individuals or associations urging for an enactment for the abolition of tax on cycles in municipal areas; and

(*b*) if so, from whom and how they have been disposed of?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Representations were received from the Corporation of Madras, a public meeting of the cyclists of Madras and the Triplicane Sociological Brotherhood requesting Government to drop the cycle-tax from the Madras City Municipal Amending Bill, but the Government did not accept the suggestion. No representation on the subject has been received from any mufassal municipal council.

[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 224–225 infra.